

[Mr. P. Padmanabhan Tampi.]

(e) the extent of land involved and the amount of money realised?

Rao Sahib Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai : (a) Yes ; in respect of certain classes of decrees and subject to certain terms.

(b) The member is referred to the preamble to the Royal Proclamations dated 14-3-1935 and 13-6-1935.

(c) By the time the period of the second Proclamation expired, the report of the Agricultural Debts Redemption Committee was received and the High Court issued a circular regarding attachment and sale of immovable properties in execution of decrees based generally on the recommendations of the committee. Government considered that this concession would be enough until they issued final orders on the committee's report.

(d) & (e) The time and labour involved in collecting the information is, in the opinion of Government, out of all proportion to its possible utility.

Export of coir mats and small mats.

236. * **Mr. J. John Kattakayam :** Will the Government be pleased to state :

(a) whether the concerted action of ship-owners has now considerably retarded the progress of trade in coir mats and small mats :

(b) what is the freightage from Alleppey to Bombay ; and

(c) what is the freightage from Bombay to England ?

Mr. C. O. Madhavan : (a) Government have no information.

(b) The freight from Alleppey to Bombay on coir mats is Rs. 11-4-0 per ton of 40 c. ft. less 10 per cent rebate at the end of 6 months. This rebate is subject to the condition that no shipment is made in any steamer which is outside the Shipping Conference Lines.

(c) The freight from Bombay to London is subject to fluctuations, as Bombay is an open port where there is keen competition between rival lines. A freight of 17 shillings per ton of 50 c. ft. may be taken to be a fair approximation. 10 per cent extra for mats in bundles has also to be paid under storage rules. There is a surcharge of 5 per cent on both mats and mattings.

Opening a public market at Lalam.

237. * **Mr. J. John Kattakayam :** Will the Government be pleased to state :

(a) how long it is since the present private vegetable market and the fish market at Lalam were opened ;

(b) how long it is since the Government began to take steps to shift these markets from there and to convert them into public markets ;

(c) whether they have acquired land for this purpose at an enormous cost ;

(d) the reason for the delay in opening the market at this place ; and

(e) the number of times and the years during which a notification stating that a market will be opened at this place and that those interested might bid at the auction was published in the Government Gazette ?

Mr. K. George : (a) Since 1097 M. E.

(b) Since 1099 M. E.

(c) Out of 77 cents comprising the proposed public market 25 cents were acquired at a cost of Rs. 1,451-8-9 and the remaining 52 cents were surrendered to Government free of compensation.

(d) On account of objections from the local public.

(e) Thrice in the years 1102, 1110 and 1111.

Mr. J. John Kattakayam : ഫർ കൊല്ലത്തിനിടക്ക് മൂന്നു പ്രാവശ്യം ഗസറ്റിൽ പരസ്യം ചെയ്തിട്ടും ഈ ചെറു തുറക്കാതിരിക്കുന്നതു വെറും നാമമാത്രമായ ചില ആളുകളുടെ ഭ്രാന്തപ്പിചാരം കൊണ്ടാണെന്നു മെമ്പർക്കറിയാമോ?

Mr. K. George : അറിഞ്ഞുകൂടാ.

Mr. J. John Kattakayam : ഇതിന്നു എന്തിനായി പല അപേക്ഷകളും ഉണ്ടെന്നു മെമ്പർക്കറിയാമോ?

Mr. K. George : അനുകൂലമായും പ്രതികൂലമായും അപേക്ഷകൾ ഉണ്ടു്.

Mr. J. John Kattakayam : ഇതിൽ ഏതാണധികം

Mr. K. George : എണ്ണി നോക്കിയില്ല.

Mr. J. John Kattakayam : ഫർ കൊല്ലമായിട്ടും ഇനിയെങ്കിലും എന്തെങ്കിലും തീർച്ച ചെയ്യണമെന്നു മെമ്പർ വിചാരിക്കുന്നുണ്ടോ?

Mr. K. George : ചേറും തീർച്ച ചെയ്യണമെന്നു വിചാരിക്കുന്നുണ്ടു്.

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai : May I know from the member why the notification of 1111 was not given effect to

Mr. K. George : It was because certain people of the locality sent up a protest against that and Government considered it necessary to examine the question.

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai : May I know from the member whether it was not after considering all those petitions that Government passed their final orders in 1111?

Mr. K. George : No, Sir.

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai : May I know from the member when this matter is going to be closed?

Mr. K. George : As soon as possible.

Tax on cocoanut trees.

238. * Mr. J. John Kattakayam : Will the Government be pleased to state whether the tree-tax on cocoanut trees here is higher than that obtaining in other places?

Mr. C. O. Madhavan : Tree-tax is the same as in Cochin but lower than that in the Tinnevely District.

Herbarium at Pulayanarkotta.

239. * Mr. J. John Kattakayam : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(a) whether there are any special reasons for opening a herbarium at Pulayanarkotta ;

(b) whether any experts are of the opinion that it is a suitable place for growing medicinal plants ;

(c) whether the growth of such medicinal plants there is satisfactory ;

(d) whether any complaints have been received against Mr. Sukumaran who was in charge of that herbarium ; and

(e) the reason for such complaints and the decision thereon?

Mr. K. N. Kesava Pillai : (a) to (d) Yes.

(e) The report urgently called for from the Principal is awaited and the matter will be disposed of on receipt of the same.

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai : May I know from the member at whose instance this herbarium was opened at Pulayanarkotta?

Mr. K. N. Kesava Pillai : At the instance of Mr. Gopala Pillai, Principal of the Ayurveda College.

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai : May I know from the member whether any medicinal herbs are planted there?

Mr. K. N. Kesava Pillai : Yes.

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai : May I know whether there is any convenience there for watering the plants?